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recall, one of the concerns that I have expressed in earlier debates concerns the evaluation and the ongoing fiscal impact of programs like that proposed by Senator Matzke in this bill. The sunset, again I will speak personally from my perspective, was an important addition to this bill, meaning that we will come back and evaluate its performance prior or subsequent to the sunset on July 1st of 2004. If on examination of the committee amendments or the committee statement, you have other questions with regard to the proposal, I'd be happy to try to respond to them in detail.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend. Senator, I have two floor amendments. First I have a note that you want to withdraw FA335.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right, Mr. Clerk.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend with FA336. (Legislative Journal page 1188.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, you may recall as we ended debate last time around that we were talking about the sunset provision, Section 13 of the bill, and the way that that particular provision was worded. And Senator Coordsen brought to my attention that the original amendment that I had filed perhaps would have done too much. At least I didn't have a good answer for him. So I'm substituting an amendment that simply strikes these words in Section 13, "without further authorization of the Legislature." So that the sunset provision, in my opinion, is clear in the sense that I want to be sure that a statutory change, a statutory change is required in order to continue the program, so that there is a review by the entire Legislature. If you leave the words in "without further authorization of the Legislature," to me that presents some vagaries with respect to how this program might be continued. Can it be continued if further authorization of the